

possession of the latter. The Greyheaded Myna also frequently entered the nest holes of the House Sparrows. This occasionally led to fights between the sparrows and the mynas in the bid of the sparrows to save their nests. The Greyheaded Mynas nested and brought up

young during April-May, 1970. In the year 1972 three nests were found in the same habitat.

The HANDBOOK 5 [Ali & Ripley (1972)] does not mention residential buildings as a nesting site of the Greyheaded Myna.

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12. THE BANK MYNA (*ACRIDOTHERES GINGINIANUS*) IN BOMBAY

The first breeding record of the Bank Myna (*Acridotheres ginginianus*) for Bandra, Bombay suburb, was published in this *Journal*, 51(3):736, in 1953. Since then these Mynas were breeding in the same disused old well every year regularly between March and August till 1972. The number of birds remained between three or four pairs and ten pairs at the maximum. Due to the construction of a huge multi-storeyed building over the well, the birds were forced to leave the nesting site in 1973 and their whereabouts since are un-

known. The persistence of this small breeding colony over the past twenty years, and only at this one particular place in Bombay, seems a most interesting and remarkable circumstance, worthy of putting on record.

More recent information concerning the occurrence or breeding of this species in Greater Bombay or its outskirts since 1972 would be welcome. This locality is stated to be the southernmost limit of the birds range in W. India. (IND. HANDBOOK, Vol. 5:181).

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13. OCCURRENCE OF ABBOTT'S BABBLER, *TRICHASTOMA ABBOTTI* (BLYTH) IN ORISSA

While working out a collection of birds from Orissa present in the Zoological Survey of India, I found a male specimen of the Abbott's Babbler, *Trichastoma abbotti* (Blyth) (Mus-

cicapidae: Timalinae), collected on 24 January 1974 from Balugaon, Puri district, Orissa, by Dr. V. C. Agrawal. Its measurements (in mm) are—wing 74, bill from skull 22, tail 48.